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The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of the ages for whom one day is like 1,000 years and 1,000 years a day, we come before You in gratitude for the days and years we are graced to enjoy. We are truly appreciative of the people with whom we journey in our lifetimes; for the lives You have allowed us to share, for the joy that fills us in their presence, and for the love that You have given us through them.

And when those days pass, we put our grief into Your tender care, praying that their memories will remain a blessing. We ask that You minister to us as we name in our hearts those whose loss is especially poignant: family members, friends, mentors, and leaders. And in these days when our country mourns notables like Hank Aaron and Larry King, and the less conspicuous lives of over 400,000 who have died from COVID, as well as heroes who have given their lives in battle and the homeless who have lost their fight to survive, may our lives serve to bring honor to those who have gone before us. May all that we do today reflect not only gratitude for our days, but our debt to their years.

We offer ourselves and our prayers to You in the strength of Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 21, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 21, 2021, at 12:25 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the United States Capitol Police Officer Brian David Sicknick S. Res. 5.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 9.

Appointment:

Commission on Social Impact Partnerships.

Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 21, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on January 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 335.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Thursday, January 21, 2021:

H.R. 335, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for January 21 on account of a family funeral.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Hoyer, on Thursday, January 21, 2021:

H.R. 335. An act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense with seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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